

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed activity in Gloucester and York Counties, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

August 9, 2013 to August 22, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing the proposed establishment of a safety zone in support of a bridge closure and installation of submarine cable in the York River from September 3, 2013 through September 7, 2013 to determine whether the event would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Coast Guard

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Coast Guard intends to establish a safety zone closing a section of the York River Channel so that the Department of Transportation can facilitate the installation of submarine cables for the Coleman Bridge between Yorktown (York County) and Gloucester Point (Gloucester County). The work will take place in the York River underneath the bridge from 6:00 AM on September 3, 2013 until 11:59 PM on September 7, 2013. The safety zone will be bound by a box formed by the following coordinates:

37-14.6 N/076-30.3 W;
37-14.4 N/076-30.4 W;
37-14.5 N/076-30.5 W, and
37-14.7 N/076-30.4 W.

The safety zone is established to protect mariners from the hazards associated with marine repair work and to ensure the successful completion of the work.

The Coast Guard states that the proposed action is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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